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# SUCCESSION PLANNING SOFTWARE TOOL REQUIREMENT

## **SOLICITATION NUMBER: TIRNO-99-R-00025**

#### **Amendment 0003**

#### TO ALL ENTITIES:

The following is questions and responses numbers 1 through 6 and additional changes to the solicitation as delineated below. All changes to the solicitation are "**Bolded**"

The proposal due date has been extended to 1:00pm (EST), Monday, March 15, 1999. The cut off date for receipt of questions will not be extended.

## **Question No. 1**

The solicitation under Functional Requirements, Number 10, reads, "The COTS products shall support multiple rating scales without impact to product functionality. Can someone elaborate on this?

# Response

Multiple rating scales shall be used for candidate assessments (e.g. 2 to 10 levels) Product functionality will not be impacted by use of more than one scale.

## **Question No. 2**

The solicitation under Technical Requirements (4) reads, "the product shall be mature(available in the marketplace at least one (1) year and shall be deployed at a minimum of 25 sites). Is this a pre-condition before anyone thinks of addressing to this RFP? How flexible are you in this regard?

# Response

Yes, this is a pre-condition. The Statement of Work(SOW) requires, "the product shall be mature(available in the marketplace at least one (1) year and shall be deployed at a minimum of 25 sites).

# **Question No. 3**

The Small Business Size Standard is identified, but there is no other mention of Small Business. Is there any preferential pricing for a Women-owned Small Business?

# Response

This solicitation is open to all business. There is no preferential pricing for a Womenowned Small Business.

# **Question No. 4**

The turnaround time and specific requirements seem to indicate that there is a source already identified, but there is no mention that this procurement is other than "full and open" competition. Obviously, if there is a source identified we would not put forth the effort to submit a bid. Please advise me of the status.

## Response

This requirement lends itself to a combined synopsis/solicitation (Request for Proposals) for commercial items prepared in accordance with the format in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 12.6, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. The turn around time was based on the guidelines as set forth in accordance with FAR 5.203(a), Publicizing and Response Time. A notice of contract action shall be publicized in the CBD at least 15 days before issuance of a solicitation except, that, for acquisitions of commercial items, the Contracting Officer may (2) Use the combined CBD synopsis/solicitation procedures as set forth in FAR 12.6 There is no mention that this requirement is other than "full and open" competition because this requirement does not lend itself to other than "full and open" competition. In accordance with FAR 6. each contract awarded without providing for full and open competition shall contain a reference to the specific authority under which it is being required.

## **Ouestion No. 5**

Have there been any bidder conferences or other meetings relative to this procurement that happened prior to our interest in this solicitation? If so, could we get the minutes or summary of those meetings.

#### **Response:**

No, to date, there have been no bidder conferences or other meetings with the exception of market research/surveys relative to this procurement. Therefore, no minutes/summaries are available.

#### **Ouestion No. 6**

As an outsider with limited time to reply we have very little understanding of the specific requirement other than the CBD announcement. Is there any technical point of contact that we could work with to catch up?

# Response

All information regarding this requirement may be found in the CBD Net and the IRS Web Page <a href="http://procurement.irs.gov">http://procurement.irs.gov</a> as delineated in the combined CBD synopsis/solicitation, released on the CBD Net on Feb 12, 1999. There is no technical point of contact. All questions (contractual as well as technical in nature) regarding this requirement are to be directed as delineated in the CBD synopsis of Feb 12, 1999 to the IRS, A/C Procurement Office, 6009 Oxon Hill Road, Room 700, Oxon Hill, MD 20745, Attn: Nicolete Veno, Contract Specialist, via facsimile on (202) 283-0610 or email to Nicolete.Veno@ccmail,irs.gov.

- 7. Attachment 2, entitled, "Evaluation and Basis for Award under "Past Performance Evaluation" is hereby amended as attached.
- 8. Nothing Follows.

# AMENDMENT 0003, Solicitation No. TIRNO-99-R-00025

#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **EVALUATION AND BASIS FOR AWARD**

# 52.212-2 Evaluation -- Commercial Items (Oct 1997)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The factors as described herein (Please see "Sub-Factors" as delineated in the Attachment) shall be used to evaluate offers.

Technical and past performance, when combined, are "significantly more important than cost or price.

- (b) Options. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).
- (c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

## PAST PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Past Performance will be evaluated on a "Pass/Fail" basis. Past performance which is reported as fair, unsatisfactory or poor is unacceptable and will be rated as "fail". Past Performance, which is good or excellent, is acceptable and will be rated as "pass". Offerors with no relevant past performance history will not be evaluated as "pass" or "fail".

Past Performance is to evaluate the Offeror's past performance in five (5) key performance measurements. The key performance measurements are as follows: Timeliness: Delivery of Performance; Problem Responsiveness; Quality of Purchased Product or Service; Technical Support; and Attitude of Supplier Personnel. Equal weight has been assigned to each key performance measurement.